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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of	) Confirmation No.: 9828
Ricardo Alexander Gomez	)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	) Art Unit: 3739
PROTECTING THE DISTAL LENS OF	)
ENDOSCOPES	) Examiner: M. J. Kasztejna
Serial No.: 10/826,869	)
Filed on: April 16, 2004	)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
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In response to the Final Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the drawings** begin on page 5.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.